

### **Remarks**

The Examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has indicated the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 4, 12, 14 and 19-21. Accordingly, Claim 4 has been rewritten as an independent claim, including the subject matter of Claim 1, and is therefore submitted to be allowable.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has not indicated the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 8. However, Claim 8 is and was dependent upon Claim 4. As Claim 4 was (and is) allowable, it is submitted that Claim 8 is allowable as well. Claim 14 remains, dependent upon Claim 4.

The Examiner has also indicated the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 12. Accordingly, that claim has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of Claims 1 and 2, and therefore, Claim 12, as amended, is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 has also been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, the subject matter of Claim 1 has been introduced into Claim 19, as amended, and it is submitted that Claim 19 is therefore in condition for allowance. Claims 20 and 21 remain dependent upon Claim 19 and are believed to be allowable as well.

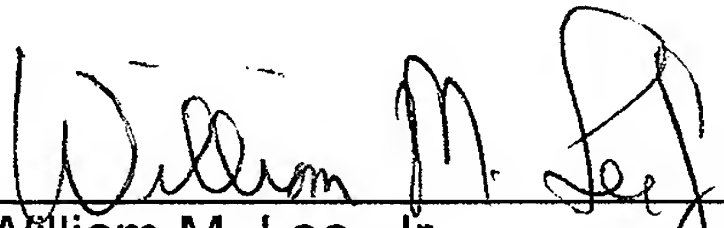
Claim 22 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 4. As Claim 4 is submitted to be allowable, it is believed that Claim 22 is allowable as well.

Finally, new Claims 23 and 24 have been introduced, replicating the subject matter of Claim 22, but being dependent upon Claims 12 and 19, respectively. It is, therefore, submitted that the new claims are allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing and the fact that the allowable subject matter has been adopted in the amended claims, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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